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PROGRESS MADE General Marshall Holds First Conference

CHUNGKING, JAN. 7.—GENERAL MARSHALL, TO DAY MET GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST LEADERS IN A HISTORIC SESSION, AT THE END OF THE FIRST HISTORIC SESSION, DECLARED THAT THE FIRST HISTORIC SESSION, GENERAL MARSHALL WHO CAME TO CHINA IN PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S SPECIAL ENVOY, SAID NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE RESUMED FOR THE ROSE. HIS COMMENT ON PROGRESS BEEN MADE. HE IS FIRST SINCE HE SET UP INTO THE MIDDLE OF CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS. HEER THE RHU RELATIONS. HEER TO THE METHODS. HEER FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Marshall met for about three hours with Communist General Chou En-lai and General Chiang Kai-shek, representing the Chinese Government.

All three agreed, according to the Chinese press, that progress had been made.

It was reported, however, that the "cease fire" order will be given when the Committee of Three completes its work, possibly Tuesday.

It also was understood that political problems were touched upon in today's session, which was devoted entirely to discussion of details for a truce and restoration of China's partially communistic systems.

After the conference, General Marshall told reporters it would be "highly undesirable" to discuss the full character of their talks now, but he promised a full statement would be made when they finished.

General Chou added, "It has been a good morning." General Chiang added, "It went very well." Associated Press.

THREE-PARTY MEETINGS

CHUNGKING, JAN. 7.—REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT, COMMUNIST PARTY AND DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE WORKED BUSY EVENING HOURS, BEHIND SCENES IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES ON THE VARIOUS NATIONAL PROBLEMS BEFORE THE JOINT CONFERENCE OPENS ON JAN. 10.

THE CHIEF OF THE CHINESE PRESS IS INSPIRED BY THE TALKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT FOR A TRUCE IN CHINA. REPORTEDLY, THE PRESS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE THE CONFERENCE GETS UNDER WAY.

There is a strong belief that the order for "cease fire" on both sides must be given after Monday's meeting of the "Committee of Three." The key committee in charge of the negotiations includes Gen. George C. Marshall, the special American envoy, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, representing the Government, and Gen. Chou En-lai, representing the Communist Party.

With a truce in effect, a host of problems will have been cleared, but there are many others before China can traverse a road of unity and peaceful reconstruction.

Hopes for a final settlement between the Government and Communist, who have been quarrelling since 1927 and exchanging blows off and on, have reached a new high mark following the more cautious prefer to wait and see if achieved before casting aside their present doubts.

Representatives of the different parties are trying to reach the widest measure of agreement possible before the long-deferred unity conference starts. Discussions are proceeding in an atmosphere of greatest cordiality.

Government and Communist representatives are meeting in a roomy hotel, where they are treated like old friends and treat each other with a respect befitting the highest levels of Chinese courtesy.

A PARADOX. The fact that as they eat and drink together, their respective armed forces are clashing in a dozen scattered points is regarded almost as a humorous paradox.

At a mixed party here a leading Communist playfully dug a Government official in the ribs and with a beating face turned to a foreign correspondent and said, "We used to go to school together. Now we are fighting each other." Then he laughed.

Correspondents in Chungking have found senior Communist delegates here diametrically elusive in the past few days.

Chou En-lai practically has to be wined and dined before he can be approached. Communist secretaries smile blankly and say, "He's out," when asked if Chou En-lai or any other Communist leaders are home. This is the reply despite the fact that the sought-after personages are very much at home.

This elusiveness has caused some bitterness among correspondents who recall how easily accessible Chou En-lai and others were when they had verbal attacks to launch against the Government.

HOPEFUL SIGN. Even Kung Peng, the attractive Communist woman employed in the party's office here, no longer welcomes correspondents with the heartiness of old. Kung Peng, who could talk with facility about Kuomintang troops raping and killing innocent women, or denounce "the Kuomintang's one-party rule," or clamour for a democratic coalition government, is now minding her P's and Q's. In other words, she speaks with feminine caution.

But to some old-time correspondents, all these evidences, while disappointing to them in their work, are a hopeful sign. The meaning, they say, is that the Government and Communists are on the road to a compromise. If the unity conference fails, and tactics require inactivity against the Government, the correspondents feel Chou En-lai and Kung Peng and the rest will become their old selves again. Associated Press.

Hanged

Prague, Jan. 7.—Leo Rudek, 56, the Czech who helped the Germans destroy the statue of Woodrow Wilson in front of Prague's railway station, was hanged yesterday for the removal of the body of Czechoslovakia's Unknown Soldier at World War No. 1 from the City Hall. He admitted that the remains had been taken in a sack to the Gorkovskaya head quarters. Associated Press.

Shaw Wants A New Alphabet

LONDON, JAN. 7.—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW APPEARED TO DAY TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO DRAFT A NEW ALPHABET. WITH WHICH EVERY SOUND IN OUR SPEECH CAN BE WRITTEN WITH ONE GRAPHIC AND EASILY WRITTEN SYMBOL, WITHIN EVEN CROSSES OR DOTS.

Such an alphabet, the dramaist wrote in a letter to the "Times," would soon pay for the cost of the war in time saved. Using phonetic spelling instead of "Dr. Johnson's monumental mis-spelling, which is now much more sacred than the Creed and the Catechism," Shaw declared that the "wordy" should be spelled "bom," dropping the final "d."

"I can scribble the word 'bom' barely legibly 18 times in one minute, and 'bom' 24 times, a saving of 25 per cent," the dramatist declared.

He urged that "brands" such as the advocates of a universal language should be expressly disqualified from the drafting committee of his proposed alphabet.

Associated Press.

BING TOPS THE LIST

Hollywood, Jan. 7.—Bing Crosby has been named the nation's movie box-office leader again this year in a poll of exhibitors conducted by the "Motion Picture Herald."

Van Johnson was ranked second, followed in this order by: Greer Garson, Betty Grable, Spencer Tracy.

Humphrey Bogart and Gary Cooper tied for sixth place. Next in order were Bob Hope, Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and Roy Rogers. Associated Press.

Ankara Demonstration Against Soviet

Ankara, Jan. 7.—Students of the Ankara University paraded in a demonstration that was finally broken up by the police after the Minister of Education had made an appeal to the marchers to disband.

The demonstration was similar to those which occurred in Turkey a month ago, when more than 20,000 persons swarmed through Istanbul, damaging newspaper shops and book stores in an outburst which brought an official protest from Russia. The demonstration reflected hostility to the Soviet.

About 1,000 students marched into the centre of the town after first visiting the Ataturk monument.

Mounted police and soldiers with fixed bayonets kept close guard as student speakers yelled: "We shall fight and guard Turkey's territory if she is attacked by anybody." There were no placards and no mention was made of any foreign power.

One and a half hours after the demonstration began, Education Minister Yucel appealed to the students to disband. The appeal was ignored. Shortly afterwards the police

GANGSTER TOLD HIS STORY BEFORE DEATH

The Weather.

Today's forecast:—Mainly fair with morning haze, variable winds, mild day temperature.
Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum: 70 degrees at 2:30 p.m. Minimum: 61 degrees at 7:15 a.m.

Large-Scale Raids On Black Market Dealers

SEVERAL RAIDS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE POLICE DURING THE WEEKEND IN THE CENTRAL AND WANCHAI DISTRICTS, IN AN ATTEMPT TO CLEAN UP BLACK MARKETING IN MILITARY GOODS.

At the Summary Military Court yesterday morning, Lok Lok, of No. 23, Wing Lok Street, ground floor, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan with being in possession of 318 packets of British cigarettes, 60 cartons of Lucky Strike, 62 packets of pipe tobacco, 38 packets of "Raleigh," all of a type provided to the Forces.

According to Sub-Inspector Mackenzie, he raided No. 21, Wing Lok Street, at about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, by virtue of a warrant, and the goods mentioned in the charge were found. Accused denied the charges, said that his premises were used for a shipping business, that the goods were left there by a passenger, and that he had nothing to do with the cigarettes.

After hearing evidence, Mr. Kwan discharged defendant, and ordered the cigarettes to be confiscated.

A well-dressed Chinese woman, Lam Sau king, was charged with being in possession of 12 packets of tobacco and three packets of cigarettes at the same address.

She told the Court that she bought the cigarettes intending to take them to Canton as presents to her friends. She was fined \$5 and the cigarettes and tobacco were ordered to be confiscated.

HENNESSY ROAD RAID. Chung Cheung, 29, manager of the Lucky Store, No. 28, Hennessy Road, was charged before Mr. A. de Araoz with possession of 309 packets of "333" cigarettes, 84 tablets of Proctex soap, four cartons of Barclay's sugar, 35 slabs of Nestle's chocolate, 287 slabs of "MacRobertson" chocolate, three tins of condensed milk, 26 tins of tobacco, seven rolls of "Life-Saver" sweet, six packets of Spearmint chewing gum and 11 tins of British cigarettes.

Accused admitted possession and said that he bought them from sailors who brought them to his shop.

Inspector Goddard told the Court that the shop was raided on information.

Accused was fined \$200 and the goods ordered to be confiscated.

Ho Tak-ching, was fined \$10 for having in his possession of 45 packets of three "K" cigarettes at No. 24, Wing Lok Street, while Wong Sui-luen, was cautioned for a similar offence.

Wall Street Has A Conscience

NEW YORK, JAN. 7.—THE FACT THAT A LOT OF UNINFORMED NEW CUSTOMERS ARE LINING UP EVERY DAY TO MAKE THEIR FIRST PLUNGE IN THE STOCK MARKET IS WORRYING OLD-TIME WALL STREET FIRMS.

It's not that they don't want new customers. They're interested in anyone who wishes to buy securities for investment purposes.

But they want to be sure that newcomers do not look upon stock market dealings as a "get rich quick game" without carefully considering what factors cause securities to go up or down.

For this reason brokerage houses are re-emphasizing that their clients should learn something about the stocks they buy.

Emil Schram, president of the New York Stock Exchange, many times this year urged investors to consult all available facts in judging securities' values.

Harold L. Bache, senior partner of Bache and Co., in a memorandum to branch managers cited the "indiscriminate buying of speculative issues" in the recently rising market.

GLOSTER TO TRY IT AGAIN

LONDON, JAN. 7.—THE GLOSTER AIRCRAFT COMPANY, WHICH PRODUCED THE WELL KNOWN JET-PROPELLED METEOR, THE FASTEST PLANE IN THE WORLD, INTENDS LAUNCHING A NEW RECORD BREAKING FLIGHT.

The new mark aimed at is 1,000 kilometers per hour (625 miles per hour).

Chief Gloster test-pilot Greenwood, who holds the world's airspeed record, will again be entrusted with the task of bringing home to Britain still another record.

It will be recalled that the jet-propelled Meteor flew at over 600 m.p.h. recently at Herne Bay on the English south-east coast.

JAP. WALKS IN ON POLICE

A Japanese merchant, named Matsuda Miso, gave himself up to the Police at about 4:45 p.m. yesterday, and was sent to Stanley internment camp.

He arrived here from Macao on board the s.s. "Crisa" and it was his first visit to the Colony. He had been in Macao for the past two years.

MACAO GOVERNOR'S YACHT SUNK

The yacht "Jessica" belonging to the Governor of Macao overturned and sunk on Saturday after hitting a breakwater at the entrance to Macao Harbour.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—A group of Indians has formed a Canadian Institute to promote good will between the two countries, as the result of the good impression made by Canadians in India during the war.

This was announced to-day by Professor H. V. Gokhale, the founder of the institute. Reuter.

Spectacular Meteor Over Sydney

SYDNEY, JAN. 7.—A METEOR EXPLODED OVER NEW SOUTH WALES SATURDAY NIGHT WITH SPECTACULAR BRILLIANCE, ACCORDING TO MANY EYE WITNESSES.

The explosion took the capital by surprise at 7:45 p.m. when residents saw what resembled a brilliant flash of lightning. They flooded the Canberra commonwealth observatory with calls to find details and were informed by an officer there that, according to his calculations, the meteor was 60 to 70 miles high when it exploded.

Commonwealth astronomer Woolley was in his bath at the time and was a few seconds too late reaching the window to see the fireworks. However, he still was able to see a trail of smoke and estimated it was a large meteor.

He said it could have done a considerable amount of damage if it had fallen to the earth.

Woolley said there is no record of a meteor landing in Australia since pre-historic times. Associated Press.

HITLER SALUTE NEW STYLE

BERNE, JAN. 7.—THE EMBERS OF NAZISM ARE STILL SMOLDERING IN GERMANY, ACCORDING TO THE "JOURNAL DE GENEVE."

Some groups of former soldiers who call themselves Landsheers, because have started a group somewhat reminiscent of the Stahlhelm after the last war, the paper said.

Members of the group salute each other holding their caps in one hand with the other arm stretched out in a camouflaged Hitler greeting.

"This is an affair which should be watched closely," the paper concluded. Associated Press.

NO REMORSE

A British patrol nearly caught him but he eventually landed safely in Communist territory. A banquet in his honour was a trap for his capture, although some of his men escaped.

The Chinese turned him over to Macao authorities last month. They said the notorious band man, without remorse, realising he had backed the wrong horse and that his luck had run out completely, was ready to accept whatever fate awaited him. It did not take long in coming.

Congressmen Sore About Something

Washington, Jan. 7.—Representative Reid F. Murray, Wisconsin Republican, to day declared "everyone knows" that the proposed loan to Britain "will be used for bombs and bullets to take lives of innocent people in Java, Indo-China and other countries."

Asserting that the United States was providing \$2,700,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Murray added: "We should not nullify these Christian objectives by now providing 'Britain' or any other country funds with which to carry on an imperialistic war to destroy human beings."

"The time has come to tell Britain and all countries that the American people are not going to give further from their depleted resources and money to any country that does not subscribe or support to the principles of the Atlantic Charter."

Administration leaders admit a strong opposition to the proposed \$4,400,000,000 loan to Britain.

Rep. Gerald W. Larkin, Indian Republican, declared yesterday that "a confidential poll" of Congressmen showed enough votes to defeat the \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain.

Congressional Republican and Democratic leaders have acknowledged the loan would meet strong opposition and might be defeated if an early vote were taken.

Larkin said: "Congress will not vote to bankrupt America in order to finance the world. Why should American taxpayers be forced to underwrite a loan to Great Britain when Britain owns billions in gold and diamond reserves and possesses many assets in the United States?" Associated Press.

TOLL OF THE TORNADOES

Nacogdoches, Texas, Jan. 7.—A Red Cross team from St. Louis joined local relief agencies to-day in caring for 500 families made homeless and more than 800 persons injured by the tornadoes which tore across five eastern Texas counties on Friday night. Meanwhile, with four additional deaths the total casualties reached 29.

Property damage, estimated at \$2,600,000, is likely to be revised upward when a survey of damage has been completed. Associated Press.

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AN INSPIRATION

The feat of Cyril O'Brien, the Melbourne batsman, who pulls and drives a thousand pots of beer an hour, deserves to be on record as a worthy example both of an athlete's skill and of a usefulness in critical times.

The fact that bats in Melbourne close at six o'clock each evening, and that Mr. O'Brien's manual dexterity has been perhaps superseded by a combination of circumstances, leading to a complete and an inspiration only to be equalled elsewhere, (perhaps in Sydney) does not detract in the least from the admiration of the performance. Between Mr. O'Brien and the common man there is obviously a close affinity of interest, and an individual who so conscientiously fills what may justifiably be called a gap in the recreation time well warrants the plaudits of his fellowmen, as well as the fame attached to men in a Ringer table, if such a table can be given without causing an anguished squinting in the State Department. In the relatively heartless city, the anguish may be of a different order and not from other causes, for the normal run of human beings, the most honest of beverages remains one of those such rare luxuries that its very mention sounds seductively and summons up nostalgic memories of good companionship. There is, indeed, something about beer that in the right atmosphere warms the cockles of the heart more generously and effectively than most of the harder liquors, and vast as may be the practical advantages of taking what one can get, something that goes with the long steady quelling of a ripe old ale in the right company tends to evaporate. Beyond doubt, the virtue in beer as much in the atmosphere as in the beverage, and though none can say that Hong Kong in these past few weeks has not had its fair share of the cup that cheers, there are not a few who have had, relatively, little joy of the business. It is doubtful, indeed, whether Hong Kong will come to full life and feel its normal self again until the "dual familiarity" of our local customs, canners and clubs is restored to bind people more closely together in previous past associations, of the quiet corner, the quiet drink and the good conversation. The Gloucester Club does its best, but its best is a poor substitute for the normal rhythm of Hong Kong's more pleasing essays in sociability.

"PIN-UP GIRL"

The latest 20th Century-Fox musical comedy production "Pin-Up Girl" starring Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown, Martha Raye and John Harvey will open at the Queen's Theatre on Friday.

There are numerous scenes which will be long remembered, as nothing like them has been shown here for the past four years, with beautiful girls in the latest fashion, dancing to the latest songs, with Martha Raye and Betty Grable singing them. The picture is in technicolor.

TOMMY-GUNS IN A JUNK

Chau Sam, mistress of junk No. 49 H, was arrested by A/B Wall of No. 3 Police Launch on Jan. 6 near Stonecutters Island. Two sub-machine guns and 25 rounds of ammunition were found in her junk for which she received a 12-hour sentence. She was found guilty by Lt. Nigel of the 2nd Police Launch and the 2nd Police Launch. The arms were handed over to the Arms Office. Sentence will be imposed this morning.

S. I. Forster of the Water Police prosecuted.

Navy Gives A Party

The Wardroom of the Melbourne Hotel Naval Officers' Mess echoed to the joyous sounds of care-free laughter over a week-end when 70 Chinese children of ages ranging from three to 12 were entertained by the members of the Mess to a New Year's Party. Many of the children were from a local orphanage.

All the traditional English games associated with this festive time were played, and although the young participants quickly admitted themselves and were soon taking part with gleeful endeavour. The musical chairs interlude provided an amusing incident. Convinced by the rules, as the number of chairs decreased so the players increased.

The highlight of the evening was the entry of Santa Claus and his entourage, which was complete with a toy and the much-anticipated "tau tau" (Thank you) children's heart of everyone.

The party ended with a traditional Chinese song "God Save the King" in English.

A fire broke out on a small balcony on the subway at Huiyee's Shop, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. It was quickly put out and little damage was done.

A-Hunting We Will Go In N.T.

THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BECOME A WEEK-END "BIG GAME" HUNTING PARADISE. EVERY SATURDAY, JEEPS AND CARS BRING IN WILD PIG AND BARKING DEER STALKERS WHO OCCASIONALLY BAG A SPECIMEN.

CHIT CHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED AND THERE HAS BEEN A CRY OF TIGER! TIGER!

One controversy going on at present is in respect of fairness with regard to the barking deer. There is a school of thought among local "big game" hunters who consider it unsporting to stalk these with a 303 Service rifle and advocate a lighter calibre sporting gun.

Deer are to be frequently met with in the Lam Chung Valley, which is situated westward from the northern end of Tuen Mun, the valley extending up to Castle Peak Road.

More controversial is the question of the presence of any tiger in the Territories to day. A hunter of many years' experience in H.K. told the "China Mail" that some decent specimens, when old news crows on them, have been known to migrate from the Wanchow hills some 100 miles north-west of the New Territories.

WILD PIG STORIES

There are some good wild pig stories going the rounds. These seem all to bear relation to some one who got in between the gun and the pig and snatched a good shot. One police officer was reportedly very nearly mauled!

One difficulty about New Territories hunting is that the hunters are always on cue as to movements of wild pig or deer and will give excited information of a "herd" that was at a certain spot about a week earlier. Foot weary hunters embark on a long and hopeless quest and return discredited.

Some, however, have had remarkably good luck. One Civil Affairs officer has, reportedly, already hired a tanner who has turned out one leather travelling trunk and a number of belts from the hides collected.

COMMANDO LUCK

The Commandos stationed at Fanling, who are busy all week, have a virtual monopoly on the best hunting. Naval parties sometimes go out but have reported very little success. The R.A.F., strangely, are only bored at the suggestion. There are also a number of Civil Affairs officers, police and an occasional civilian in the field.

"Big game" hunters do not like to speak about their bags. We approached several who insisted that the story of their bag was "private."

No large herds have been reported. The ones never exceed a dozen together. Principal complaint is that for successful hunting, a good intelligence should be maintained among the villagers, but nobody has taken the trouble to organise it.

Army Kerosene In A Junk

Lt. Rosker, R.N.V.R., leading a search party on a police launch on Jan. 3, carried out a routine search of a junk near Soko Island. He found 699 four-gallon tins of kerosene in the hold and asked for the permit. The master, Tsim Yuen Fu, could not produce it. He was taken into custody with his wife, Kwok Kuen Shing. At the Summary Military Court, Kowloon, yesterday, Lt. Rosker, R.A.S.C., testified that the tins were stolen from the 102 Petrol Depot, Lai Chi Kok. The tins were unloaded from the "Empire" recently and were new Middle East cans. None of the cans had been issued yet to the forces.

The accused said that they were told to carry the kerosene to Macao. The tins were taken on board from Cheung Wan.

Six months imprisonment with hard labour was imposed and the kerosene restored to the Lai Chi Kok petrol depot.

FERRY OFFENDER SENTENCED

Lee Hung-kwan, unemployed, was sentenced to six months hard labour by Lt. Nigel yesterday for picking the pocket of Cheung Yuen-gung on the ferry. Lee took \$10 in \$1 H.K. notes.

Inspector Forster, who prosecuted, said that the complainant noticed some \$1 notes lying beneath her feet. She put her hand into her overcoat pocket and found that the \$10 had gone. Having noticed a suspicious-looking man near her, she reported him to a Chinese detective. The accused was arrested and \$20 in \$1 notes was found on him.

Lt. Nigel in passing sentence said: "This type of offence is much prevalent at the present moment and I must impose a severe sentence."

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Albert Edward Knight Dunroy, Inspector of Kowloon, residing at No. 24A, Shan Kwong Road, and Miss Alice Ho, of No. 24B, Shan Kwong Road, is announced.

which, by the Grace of God, the suit will never end.

JOSEPH A. GUTIERREZ

Well-known Brothers Arrested

Marking the second arrest of French citizens in Shanghai by the Chinese authorities, the Municipal police arrested Arthur and Theodore Sopher, financiers and real estate brokers, and charged them with collaborationist activities. "The Daily News" learned.

It will be recalled that, last week, the former deputy chief of the French police was also arrested for joining the Japanese line, which aroused a storm of protest on the part of the French Consulate. To the effect that France had not yet relinquished extrajurisdiction in China, and that the arrest was consequently not in order.

However, this protest seems to have been discarded, with the taking into custody of these two prominent businessmen, whose activities, according to reliable information, mainly consisted in writing articles favouring the Japanese economic system and the puppet C.R.B. setup during the occupation.

The Sopher brothers regularly contributed a financial column to the former "Shanghai Times", and continued to do so after Pearl Harbor, supporting the economic and financial policies of the Japanese administration, in a manner that left no doubt as to their collaborationist tendencies.

It was learned that after a preliminary interrogation by the Chief Prosecutor, they will be brought to trial in the High Court in the usual manner, and charged under the new Government regulations dealing with persons suspected of having collaborated with the Japanese during the occupation to the detriment of and against the Chinese Republic.

MRS. ALLISON DEAD

News has been received of the death in Singapore of Mrs. F. C. Allison, formerly housekeeper in the Gloucester Building.

The late Mrs. Allison, who was over sixty years of age, was in the hospital at Stanley during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, and sailed for England in the "Highland Monarch". She was, however, taken seriously ill, and was put ashore on arrival in Singapore, where later she died as the result of medical treatment at the British General Hospital.

Her husband died in Hong Kong some years before the war. She leaves two sisters, Miss Ethel Jones, of West Croydon, and Mrs. F. D. Ross, of Vancouver, with whom the dearest sympathy will be felt.

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT

Li Yiu-tong, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, for attempted larceny in Wellington Street, near d'Aguilar Street, on Saturday.

He was also charged with stealing a black Shaffer fountain pen from an unknown person on the Star Ferry wharf.

Sub-Inspector Fong, who prosecuted, said accused was seen by a Chinese detective, attempting to steal from an aged woman who was purchasing rice in Wellington Street. When accused was searched, a fountain pen was found. He admitted that it had been stolen from a Chinese on the Star Ferry wharf the previous day.

Miniature Arsenals In H.K. Junks

Cheung Chong, master of a large motor junk, was charged before Lt. Nigel yesterday with the unlawful possession of two cannons, 50 rounds of cannon ammunition, four rifles and 270 rounds of ammunition and a revolver and four rounds of ammunition.

Inspector Bethell of the Water Police said that accused came from Macao and had just arrived at Cheung Chau harbour when the police searched his junk and found the arms without a local licence. Accused could produce Macao and Kwong Chow Wanchi licences.

The police requested that a lenient view be taken and consider it a technical offence. A nominal fine of \$250 was imposed while the arms and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

"The police would like the Court to take a similar view in this case," said Inspector Bethell when Chau Bing, junk fold, was charged with possession of a Bren light machine-gun, three rifles and 438 rounds of ammunition, five sticks of dynamite, 11 bags of gunpowder and four machine-gun magazines without a licence. The accused was arrested by A/B Holmes at the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter on Jan. 5.

He pleaded guilty and said he had just arrived when the police boarded his junk. The arms and ammunition were confiscated and the accused fined \$250.

AGAINST PIRATES

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Leung Kam, master of a junk at the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter, for possessing 163 rounds of rifle ammunition, six sticks of dynamite and a coil of fuse, without a permit. The accused said that he intended to use the munitions for self defence against pirates. A/B Holmes made the arrest while S. I. Forster prosecuted.

For having in his possession two rifles and 114 rounds of ammunition, Chau Fat Yek, junk master, was arrested by Water Police under A/B Holmes at No. 2 Pathe, North Point on Jan. 5. Accused asked Lt. Nigel for 48 hours remand. Mr. F. H. Lacey will appear for the accused on Wednesday. Bail was fixed at \$1,500.

Tenancy Tribunal Faced With A Poser

IS A PROPERTY TRANSACTION DURING THE JAPANESE REGIME A LEGAL TRANSACTION? TO WHOM SHOULD THE TENANT PAY THE RENTS—THE ORIGINAL OR THE NEW OWNERS.

These questions were brought up before the Tenancy Tribunal sitting at the Supreme Court Building yesterday when a tenant against whom an application for eviction was brought claimed that he had been paying rents to the landlord, the original owner of the premises.

The case was that in which Yeung Yiu-yik applied to evict Cheung Shun-kee, tenant of the ground floor of No. 77B, Hollywood Road.

Hearing of the case was before a Tribunal comprising Messrs. K. Kan, N. C. Dastoor and H. K. Lee. Mr. H. K. Lee appeared for applicant Opponent appeared in person.

Mr. Kwan told the Tribunal that applicant purchased the house in January, 1945 for \$19,000 from Mrs. Ng and Mr. Chan. Applicant had not collected rents during the occupation. In Oct. 29 last year Messrs. D'Almeida and Mason were instructed to write opponent informing him of the change in ownership and that he should pay rents to applicant. Further letters were written fixing the rents at \$80 and requesting the rents for the months of October and November. No rents, however, were received.

Later it was discovered that opponent had been paying rents to the previous owners. Opponent claimed that rents for October, November and December had been collected by Chan Chow Fung, who was before Opponent further claimed that Chan was the landlord and the only person entitled to collect rents.

Yeung Yiu-yik, brother of applicant, gave evidence of the sale of the premises. Witness produced the title deeds which, he admitted, had not yet been registered.

The applicant testified that the old landlords approached him to pay the rents stating that they would take responsibility. Opponent then produced a letter to this effect dated Nov. 5. Opponent added that he had been pressed by both parties to pay rents and that he was willing to pay rents to whoever may be the proper owners.

At this stage Mr. Kwan stated that he was prepared to withdraw the application if rents were paid as from October.

After some consideration the Tribunal decided to adjourn the case since it is in order that the Tribunal might consult the Rents Committee on the position of property sales during the Japanese occupation. The chairman remarked that at the present the Tribunal was not in a position to say whether applicant was the proper owner or not.

EVICTORY CLAIMS

Three applications for eviction came up for hearing before the Tribunal comprising Mr. Henry Leung, Capt. A. M. Rodrigues and Mr. Chan Kwan-po.

In the first, brought by Au Wing Yau against the Po Cheung Firm, of No. 2, Peel Street, ground floor, the application was granted.

The applicant was represented by Mr. E. S. K. Brooks.

The ground, said Mr. Brooks, was that opponent, a sub-tenant, became a full tenant after the premises under a monthly tenancy agreement with applicant. Under

this agreement either party was to give one month's notice to quit. Opponent was given notice to quit on Aug. 19, 1945 and had not yet vacated premises.

Ng Lo-suen, proprietor of the Po Cheung Firm, said he was forced to sign the tenancy agreement in July, 1945. After re-occupation he had offered to pay rents but applicant refused to accept.

The application brought by Hon Chou-fan against Leung Kwok-yuen, tenant of 38, Morrison Hill Road, first floor, was granted, the eviction order to take effect from Jan. 15. The ground of application was that opponent had obtained the premises through a transfer in the absence of the owner.

The Tribunal decided against Yan Yee-ying in her application for eviction against Leung Yung-kei, of No. 33, d'Aguilar Street. After evidence was called by both parties the Tribunal decided to disallow the application and fix the rents at the pre-war rate of \$32 per month, inclusive of water charges.

"Artifex" Gives A Party

The Aberdeen Industrial School, being far out of town, does not see much of servicemen. But its turn came on Saturday, when 140 boys and members of the staff were the guests of H.M.S. "Artifex". They were brought by launch from Aberdeen and were entertained by the crew on board all afternoon.

The visit began with "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". Then followed an inspection of the ship, the boys being particularly interested in the huge workshops. An abundant tea was served in which there was every possible eatable to delight a youngster's heart.

Captain H. Allen then spoke to the boys and their vociferous cheering showed him they appreciated his great kindness in allowing ship and men at their disposal for the afternoon. The visit ended with the boys singing lustily, their arms and pockets full of fruit and in their hearts the memory of an unforgettable afternoon.

HEAVY SENTENCE

A military search party together with Chinese detectives have been on duty in Kowloon for some time every night. On Jan. 5 at 8.30 p.m. Chung Tong was stopped and searched in Shanghai Street and a loaded revolver was found tucked into his belt. He was brought before Lt. Nigel at the Summary Military Court yesterday and found guilty.

Accused told the police that the revolver was to be handed to someone on board a junk in the harbour. Every effort was made but the junk could not be found.

S. I. Sykes who prosecuted asked the Court to take a very serious view of the offence. Lt. Nigel replied that in view of the armed robberies lately he felt justified in sentencing the accused to three years imprisonment with hard labour.

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FUSAN, KOREA, JAN. 7. LONG LINES OF BURDENED JAPANESE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WAIT STOLIDLY HERE FOR SHIPS TO CARRY THEM BACK TO JAPAN. THE HOMELAND WHICH MANY HAVE NEVER SEEN. KOREANS SCREAM AT THEM SPITEFULLY.

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Returning ships from Japan unload thousands of Koreans in the greatest two-way mass migration in modern Asiatic history, ending 35 years of Japanese control over Korea.

More than 247,000 impressed Korean labourers have been brought back from Japan. Some 257,000 Japanese, including 99,000 troops and 158,000 civilians have been ferried to Japan.

"We still have about 300,000 Japanese soldiers and anywhere from 100,000 to 600,000 more Japanese civilians to get out of this country," said Maj. John M. Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa. the operations officer for the 40th U.S. Army Division.

The center of this great shuttle ending Japan's continental empire is pier number one where thousands of Japanese carpetbagging families wait wearily for long hours to board jammed boats. They wait patiently with few complaints.

GET SUPPLIES

"If they haven't food, we give them enough from Jap army supply dumps to carry them across the straits," said Col. R. G. Stanton, Washington, D. C. "Our soldiers aren't rough with them but we don't mix with them in any way. We help women get their bundles and children on the gangplank safely and that's all."

A Japanese doctor delivered babies on four successive nights to women on the dock.

"All they ask for is a drink of coffee," an American officer said. The stoical faces of the people on the pier show little of the distress mirrored in the countenances of European refugees. They suffer their fate calmly.

Each emigrant is inoculated against typhus and deloused, which is quite a same to the children as soldiers squirt disinfectant into their pants or kimonos.

Each Japanese gets to take with him 1,000 yen in cash and all the household possessions he can carry.

The bundles are gigantic. Behind them they leave farms, livestock, furniture, homes and investments. These are earmarked in their name and stored if possible, but few feel they will ever get them back.

American soldiers search every pack for hidden yen and weapons. "They hide money everywhere but we don't think we miss much," said one officer. "In one bamboo cane we found 80,000 yen—more than \$5,000."

One expert searcher found 42,000 yen in a number of balls of yarn carried by one refugee looking for old lady.

SQUAWKED CONSIDERABLY

"She squawked considerably," said the soldier, "when all she got back was a receipt."

Violators aren't punished except for removal of their money, which is deposited in their name in Korean banks. The deposits are, of course, frozen.

"We've even found yen in kimono sleeves, in umbrellas, in tea boxes, in suitcases and between shoe soles," another soldier related.

Many refugees invested their extra wealth in kimonos so the Army permits them to take out only two or three. One Japanese girl had 40 new kimonos, and when he took all but three away from her she cried and said:

"Now, how will I ever find a man in Japan to marry me?"—Associated Press.

First In 50 Years

Copenhagen, Jan. 7. Helvig, Leona, 54, former war correspondent of a Danish Nazi paper, was yesterday killed by a firing squad in Denmark's first execution in 54 years.

The execution was for the murder of the Berlin correspondent of another Danish paper—Associated Press.

Defence In The Western Hemisphere

Washington, Jan. 7. Ambassador Gelo Plaza today said that Ecuador would submit to the forthcoming Rio de Janeiro Foreign Ministers Conference, a defence treaty proposal calling for economic military action against any aggressor threatening the Western Hemisphere of her peace security.

He said the treaty had been sent to all American Governments including Argentina, Brazil and Mexico, with treaty drafts on their own, have made the documents available to the Argentine Government.

Only the United States, which has repeatedly insisted that it would not sign the military accord with the present Argentine Military Government, has refused to provide Argentina with a copy of the treaty.

Ecuador defined aggression against American nations as "any move threatening the integrity, territorial sovereignty or political independence of any American State."

The Rio de Janeiro Conference is scheduled for as yet undetermined date between March 15 and April 15.—Associated Press.

Inflation Psychology In America

WASHINGTON, JAN. 7. THE OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION IS FIGHTING A CRITICAL TWO-FRONT WAR: TO KEEP PRICE CONTROLS AND TO BATTLE WHAT IT CONSIDERS INFLATION PSYCHOLOGY.

TOP O.P.A. MEN, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HAVE DONE A LOT OF TALKING BEFORE CONGRESS AND BUSINESS GROUPS. THEY SEEM TO BE SAYING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER. THEY ARE.

This is what they're shooting at, and the reasoning behind the shooting.

Under the law, price control ends on June 30. Congress can extend it for another six months or a year beyond that date, or let it die on June 30.

Or Congress can kill price control anytime between now and June 30.

Some of the most powerful business groups want price control ended in February. These groups have great weight in Congress.

But the idea that price control might end in February creates a psychology of inflation. In this way, Business men, if they believe price control will end in February, will be inclined to hold back until then, goods they would have released now. Now they must sell at O.P.A. prices. With price control off in February, they could charge anything.

Some business men now are writing contracts which say in effect: This is the price of the goods now. But if it's delivered after price control is gone, the price will be higher.

INFLATIONARY MOOD

The inflationary mood of the country—in cases where there is no price control—can be seen in the spurring prices on the stock market and in real estate. Both are being used for speculation.

O.P.A. boss Chester Bowles' chief economic advisor, Richard W. Gilbert, recently told a New York business group: "The inflationary psychology is just beginning to take hold."

"It has not yet reached unmanageable proportions. But every day that passes sees it grow. The evidence is plain. Inflation is being talked about and talked up in clubs, parlour cars, and wherever business men congregate."

The National Association of Manufacturers wants price control ended by Feb. 15. The National Retail Dry Goods Association wants almost all price control ended by February 1. The National Association of Real Estate Boards wants rent controls ended as "rapidly as possible" and no price controls at all on building materials, or new homes.

RECKLESS IN EXTREME

Bowles told the N.A.M. at its convention that its recommendation to end price control two months from now was "reckless in the extreme."

Bowles has price controls on building materials, intends to keep them. He wants to keep that with housing critically scarce and no real relief in sight for a year or more.

He has no price controls on sales of homes but thinks there should be. So does President Truman.—Associated Press.

MARITIME CONFERENCE

Seattle, Jan. 7. The first post-war International Maritime Conference will be held here on May 20 to June 21.

About 600 delegates from 21 leading maritime nations will discuss trade lanes, cargo subsidies and shipping procedures.—Associated Press.

INDUSTRY NATIONALISED

Warsaw, Jan. 7. The Polish Government has formally nationalized all her basic industries. The National Council of the Homeland has ratified a decree giving the government control over every industry employing more than 50 persons per shift.

Among the enterprises affected were communications systems, banks, mines, factories and public utilities.—Associated Press.

Morale In Pacific The Lowest Yet

MANILA, JAN. 7. THE MILITARY POLICE REPORTED A "NORMAL SUNDAY NIGHT" FOLLOWING A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS BY U.S. SOLDIERS BECAUSE OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT ORDER CUTTING DOWN THE RATE OF RE-DEPLOYMENT FOR HOME.

No violence was reported anywhere in a series of demonstrations. Leaders cautioned against excesses. They said they would "get further" with protests if they were orderly.

Associated Press correspondent Hal Boyle reported that the morale of the American armed forces in the Pacific was at the lowest ebb since Pearl Harbor. He said it had reached a point where efficiency and discipline was being undermined seriously.

He stated that officers as well as men were being affected by the slowly corroding resentment at policies keeping them in the western Pacific and Asia.—Associated Press.

Higher Pay Proposal

Washington, Jan. 7. Legislation which would give a pay increase to more than 4,000,000 lower rank American workers may be ready to come before the U.S. Senate before the end of January.

The measure—one item on President Truman's list of imperative bills—would increase from 40 cents to 65 cents per hour the minimum wages for workers in industries engaged in interstate commerce. Most of the 23,000,000 workers involved in such industries already received more than the proposed new minimum.—Associated Press.

Nazi Plot Revealed

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 7. Ten German soldiers entered Switzerland in civilian clothes in 1940 with instructions to blow up military installations in retaliation against the Swiss, the Swiss federal council reported yesterday. The plot was in retaliation for Swiss downing of a German plane flying over neutral territory. Police vigilance and troops reinforcements in the area thwarted the Nazis' intentions.—Associated Press.

TOO MUCH FOOD IN AMERICA

Washington, Jan. 7. A report issued here by the Department of Agriculture offers scant hope of the nation being able to avoid post-war problems of food and farm surpluses and their resulting unfavourable economic developments.

The surplus is expected to arise with the disappearance of abnormal war-time demands. The report says that even if Americans attain a high level of consumption, surpluses will continue in some commodities.—Associated Press.

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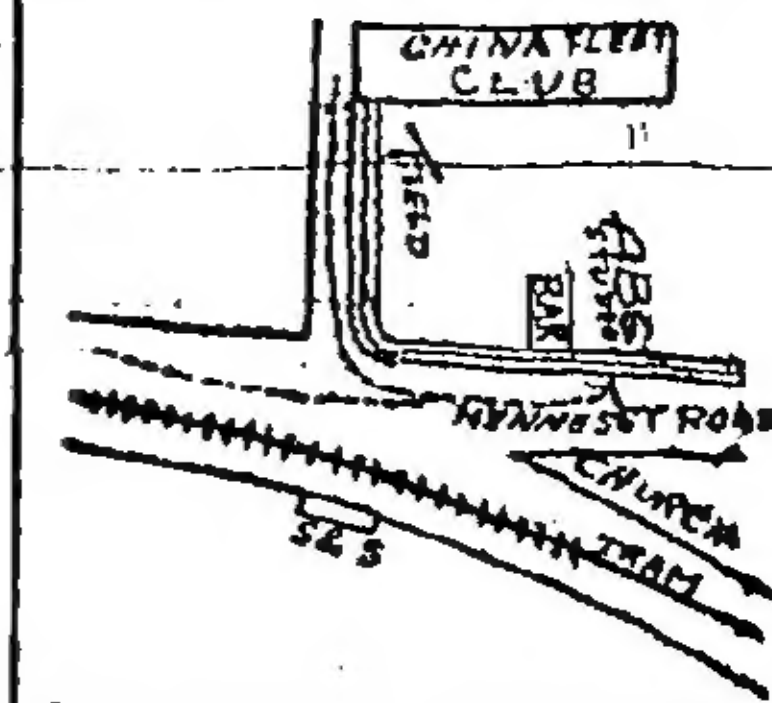
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HEBREW COMMITTEE'S DEMAND

Washington, Jan. 7. The Hebrew National Committee of Liberation today demanded a full investigation into the policies of the British Administration in Palestine.

The Committee made public a memorandum it had filed with the Anglo-American Committee, which begins hearings on Monday which said the liberation group is the "temporary national Hebrew authority" and is representing the interest of the Hebrew nation.—Associated Press.

POLK INCIDENT

Rome, Jan. 7. The newspaper "L'Espresso" said that 15 Italians were slain at Orsero, 80 miles north of Pola by Tito's agents. Pola was an Italian naval base until Marshal Tito's Yugoslav took it over.—Associated Press.

CLOSING DOWN

Batavia, Jan. 7. The United States Transport Command will close its bases in Batavia, Saigon, Hongkong and Kanton this month. A.T.C. officials from Calcutta said today.

Bases will be maintained at Manila, Bangkok, Singapore, Chungking, Cebu, New Delhi and Karachi, but the India command will be dissolved and moved to Paris to join the European division.—Associated Press.

FREE CLOTHING

Athens, Jan. 7. The Greek Government today set aside 3,000,000 yards of yarn and textiles and some 100,000 ready-made suits to provide free clothing for civil service workers and public utility employees who are threatening to strike for higher wages.—Associated Press.

Nuernberg Trial To Drag On

Nuernberg, Jan. 7. Despite intensified efforts to speed up the war crime trial here of the 21 leading Nazis, some quarters here believed yesterday that the trial might continue into May, possibly June.

This belief was based on the assumption that the entire prosecution case cannot be finished before the middle of February and that the defence case would require two and a half months to three months. After that there will still be the closing statements.

The Tribunal faces the big job of studying the whole mass of evidence and of writing its findings.

However, the thoughts of the Tribunal and the prosecuting staffs turned more and more to the prospects of completing the proceedings as the American prosecutors prepared to hasten through the closing portions of their case this week.

The American prosecution is scheduled to finish its case by Monday.—Associated Press.

That Morgan Story Again

Frankfurt, Jan. 7. An official spokesman in the German Press today said that the U.N.R.R.A. chief for Germany had received no instructions to return to London and was standing by for his resignation not to be accepted.

The spokesman said Morgan was "suspended" and a report that he had been "rescued" in London.—Associated Press.

Terrorism Keynote In Korean Politics

SEOUL, JAN. 7. INTERFACINE FEUDS RESULTING IN SERIOUS KIDNAPPINGS AND BEATINGS CONTINUED HERE AS UNIFICATION OF THE LEFT AND RIGHT WING ELEMENTS APPEARED REMOTE AS EVER.

BOTH FACTIONS ARE CHARGED WITH THE ORGANISATION OF TERRORISM AND STAGING A SERIES OF ATTACKS ON EACH OTHER'S HIDE-OUTS. THE VICTIMS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BADLY BEATEN AND HELD PRISONERS. IN THREE INSTANCES, AMERICAN FORCES WERE CALLED TO RESCUE PRISONERS.

Japanese Wife Sees The Light

Tokyo, Jan. 7. A Japanese wife "burning with fierce hatred against the military" wrote to the newspaper "Yomiuri Hochi" that if the Americans are to imprison "little glass eyes" Tsuchiya for life because of atrocities committed against the Americans, Japanese military leaders should be condemned to death for atrocities against the Japanese.

Japanese superior officers, the woman wrote, beat the soldiers for neglecting to salute them on the street "and from this, one could imagine what went on in the barracks."

"Through the judgment of Tsuchiya I am burning anew with a fierce hatred against the military," she wrote.—Associated Press.

NORTH CHINA CONTROLS

Tientsin, Jan. 7. A spokesman for Mr. T. V. Soong, President of China's Executive Economic Council, said that arrangements have been completed to control industry and transport in the newly occupied Chinese territory in the North.

He said that Soong had directed immediate resumption of work in Japanese-owned factories.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

Will all members of the American Club now in Hong Kong, please attend an informal meeting to be held in the Club premises on Wednesday, 9th January 1946, at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the advisability of re-opening the Club.

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Hong Kong,
7th January 1946

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

NOTICE

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No person is permitted to keep a public billiard table unless licensed to do so under Ordinance No. 23 of 1933.

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British Help To Rebuild "Steffl"

Vienna, Jan. 7.

The ten-year task of rebuilding Saint Stephen's Cathedral, which was burned out during the battle for Vienna, is going ahead with the help of the British army authorities and 60 German prisoners-of-war lent by the British to the Cathedral authorities.

In spite of the general transport shortage in the city, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard M. Greer, Commander-in-Chief of the British troops in Austria, has provided British army transport to help in the work.

In spite of all difficulties, lack of raw materials and transport, short rations for the local workmen and the cold weather, repairs to the Cathedral are going ahead well, and the architect, Professor Karl Holay, hopes that it will be possible to roof over the nave in time to prevent irreparable damage to the structure.

Saint Stephen's, probably the finest pure Gothic Cathedral in the world, was untouched by the war until the last night, when Red Army troops were fighting their way through the streets of Vienna.

As the last "SS" troops were falling back to the northern suburbs, they set fire to shops and houses in the centre of the city all round the Cathedral, and sparks from the burning houses ignited the Cathedral roof. Austrian fire fighting squads kept the flames under control for two days, but with all water mains cut, the fire gradually gained the upper hand and eventually the whole roof collapsed, crashing into the choir and destroyed the carved wooden choir stalls dating from 1486.

TREASURES UNCOVERED

Apart from the choir stalls almost nothing of real value was lost in the fire. Most of the valuable pictures and carvings had been stored in the catacombs shortly after the outbreak of war. Two hitherto unknown art treasures, a fresco and a picture of the Cathedral itself drawn on the wall by a 15th century builder, were revealed for the first time by the destruction of the great organ at the northern end of the nave.

The first aid repairs now being undertaken consist of the construction of a concrete roof over the vaulting of the nave, which was largely undamaged, and the building of a temporary wall dividing the badly damaged choir from the relatively intact nave.

The Cathedral authorities hope that it will be possible to hold services in the nave in about six months.

Professor Holay, the architect, estimates that the complete reconstruction of the cathedral will take about ten years and cost about £175,000. This sum will be raised by public subscription.

About one-third of it has already been received in the form of voluntary gifts from the people of Vienna who, whether Catholics or not, have always had a deep affection for "Steffl" as they call the cathedral. Some of the very few Jews who are left in Vienna have also given contributions to the work.

The city council of Vienna has given the cathedral authorities permission to take what stone they need from ruined buildings in the centre of the city. Reuter

G.I.'s A "Bad Influence"

Manila, Jan. 7.

Lieut. General W. D. Styer today told American soldiers protesting against the redeployment slow-down that U.S. Secretary of War Robert Patterson had decided to pass by Manila on his round the world tour directly from Tokyo.

Patterson was due to arrive in Manila on Saturday, he said.

A five-man Committee has been named by the G.I.'s at a mass meeting to see Patterson who will remain in Manila for seven or eight days.

Three thousand soldiers marched in an orderly fashion to Headquarters following the mass meeting. Styer told the Committee that the "changing international situation" made it impossible to send all those eligible for discharge home immediately. He said the mass meeting had a bad influence on islands residents and "no matter how good your intentions I am afraid some hot heads will cause trouble and somebody will get hurt."

The Committee assured Styer that all demonstrations so far have been orderly and that they will do their utmost to preserve order. Associated Press.

GENERAL CHANG LEAVES FOR CANTON

General Chang Feh-kwei, C-in-C of Chinese troops in Kwangtung, who arrived in Hong Kong three days ago on an official visit, returned to Canton yesterday morning together with General Ho Shih-li and others of his entourage by plane.

Among those at Kai Tak to see him off were the G.O.C., Major-General Frank Feasting, Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook, members of the Chinese military mission, Mr. Chan So, of the local Kuomintang, and Mr. Tunc Chung-wai, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

TURNING OFF THE BRIGHT LIGHTS

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

With the steady departure of free-spending G.I.'s for home, one 700 of Shanghai's 1,800 mostly unlicensed cabarets, bars and night-clubs have closed down and are being reconverted into promiscuous shops, godowns, garages and kitchens.

And their owners are investing their quickly accumulated greenbacks in steady trades. More bars and cabarets are expected to turn off their bright lights shortly as the United States Army's war against high prices here gathers momentum. The U.S. Army authorities are placing out of bounds all establishments unable to comply with the ceiling prices fixed by them. Reuter.

ENTRY INTO MUKDEN

Tientsin, Jan. 7.

Chinese sources to-day said the Russians at Mukden had agreed to let unarmed troops of Lieut-General Tu Lu-ming to enter the city. They said that some Chinese troops on the outskirts of the town are expected momentarily to enter.

Three Russian liaison officers from Manchuria have been in conference with Chinese army officials. Associated Press.

New Reading Matter At A Premium

LOCAL BOOKSHOPS REPORT THAT HEAPS OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PERIODICALS ARE ON THE WAY AND WILL BE HERE FOR CERTAIN, WITHIN THE MONTH. ONE BOOKSHOP PROMISES A LARGE CONSIGNMENT WITHIN THE WEEK. WHAT PRICES WILL BE REMAINS A SHOP SECRET. THE PRESIDENT GRANT BROUGHT IN A LARGE NUMBER OF BACK COPIES OF LIFE MAGAZINE WHICH WERE PUT ON THE MARKET AT \$5 AN ISSUE. DEMAND AT THIS PRICE WAS SO SLIM, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRICE WAS CUT TO \$3.

Book shops have started undercutting one another and it is now possible to buy a pre-1941 Penguin for \$1. The Colony, and the Services particularly, are hungry for new reading matter and are willing to pay high prices even for old.

As a result, prices of old books even at a rate of \$2.50 to one shilling are being maintained in some instances and no price-tag has been found at less than \$2 to a shilling.

Greatest demand is for detective stories, even at \$5 a volume in a cheap edition. A demand is even reported for 6d. and 7d. romantic and adventure thrillers of the 1930-vintage by writers of the E. W. Savil, Emmeline Morrison and J. S. Fletcher calibre.

There seems to be a definite trend for escapist literature among book-store patrons. Classics are available but are in moderate demand. American movie magazines have finally put in an appearance and are selling at \$5 a copy.

There is a limited number of new English periodicals already on sale, but business is not brisk at \$2.50 for a 1/3 publication.

HIGH MARGIN OF PROFIT

Large stocks of new magazines may bring prices down. Book-sellers, however, state that high cost of living and rehabilitation demands higher prices and that a high margin of profit had to be maintained in order to keep the shop going.

In Kowloon, only three, and in Hong Kong, only one have survived the Japanese occupation. Most lucrative trade while the Japanese were here consisted in under-the-counter sales of such forbidden literature as Veep's "Secret Agent of Japan," Edgar Snow's "The Battle for Asia," and "Red Star Over China," as well as Fred Uhl's "Japan's Feet of Clay."

Japanese, particularly civilians, were highly desirous of reading these and paid well.

GOOD RIDDANCE!

London, Jan. 7.

The Communist "Daily Worker" in an editorial yesterday, compared the British House of Lords with the Chamber of Princes in India, and wrote:

"If the House of Lords dares to carry out Lord Cranborne's threat to obstruct Labour Party legislation, it will be committing suicide and will be a good riddance, too. The only bodies sending the House of Princes in the House of Commons are the House of Princes in India and the Senate (House of Princes) in Japan. The days of both are numbered."

Paris, Jan. 6. England beat France in the first post-war international soccer match. The game was played in Paris to-day before a large crowd of spectators. Reuter.

Gallant End Of River Steamer

THE STORY OF HOW A GALLANT LITTLE STEAMER MEASURED BUT 170 FEET IN LENGTH BY 30 FEET IN BREADTH WITH A HULL OF 4 INCH PLATING FOUGHT A LOSING BATTLE WITH SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN SEAS AFTER SINKING A LARGE TRANSPORT CAN BE TOLD TO-DAY.

The s.s. Li Wo, one of the many river steamers requisitioned by the British Navy from the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., on the outbreak of war, was on patrol duty between Singapore and Java one day in February, 1942 when she sighted a heavily protected Japanese convoy in the Bangka Straits. The Li Wo closed in and concentrated her fire on a large transport which was soon set ablaze. Although badly hit by shells from enemy cruisers and destroyers, the Li Wo managed to ram the blazing transport, thereby causing its destruction.

The Commanding Officer on the Li Wo, believed to be the late Capt. Wilkinson, refused to leave the sinking ship and went down with her.

Other officers who gave their lives to their country in this heroic episode of naval warfare were Capt. Robertson, Chief Engineer J. G. Murray who died beside his beloved engines, and Second Engineer Manson who perished in the sea when some 20 miles from the nearest land.

"North China Daily News."

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The s.s. "E. Sang" left for Swatow on Sunday with a cargo of about 200 tons of general merchandise including 50 drums of kerosene, and a passenger list of about 250.

At noon yesterday the s.s. "Kweiyang" sailed for Shanghai with about 300 tons of general cargo and 801 cases of medical supplies for the British Red Cross. She also carried 400 odd passengers.

The s.s. "Pak Hai" is scheduled to sail for Bangkok this afternoon. She is carrying no cargo or passengers.

Expected arrival in the s.s. "Shantung" due from Bangkok to-morrow with a cargo of rice.

AND WOMEN NOW!

Tokyo, Jan. 7.

The Communist Party to-day followed General MacArthur's latest directives against the ultra-nationalists with the demand for the elimination of "women war criminals."

Yumaki, Chief of the Party's women's department, declared that a public rally of Communists had already prepared a list of alleged feminine war criminals among educators, officials of the women's section of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, authors and officers of the government-sponsored Nippon Women's Association. Associated Press.

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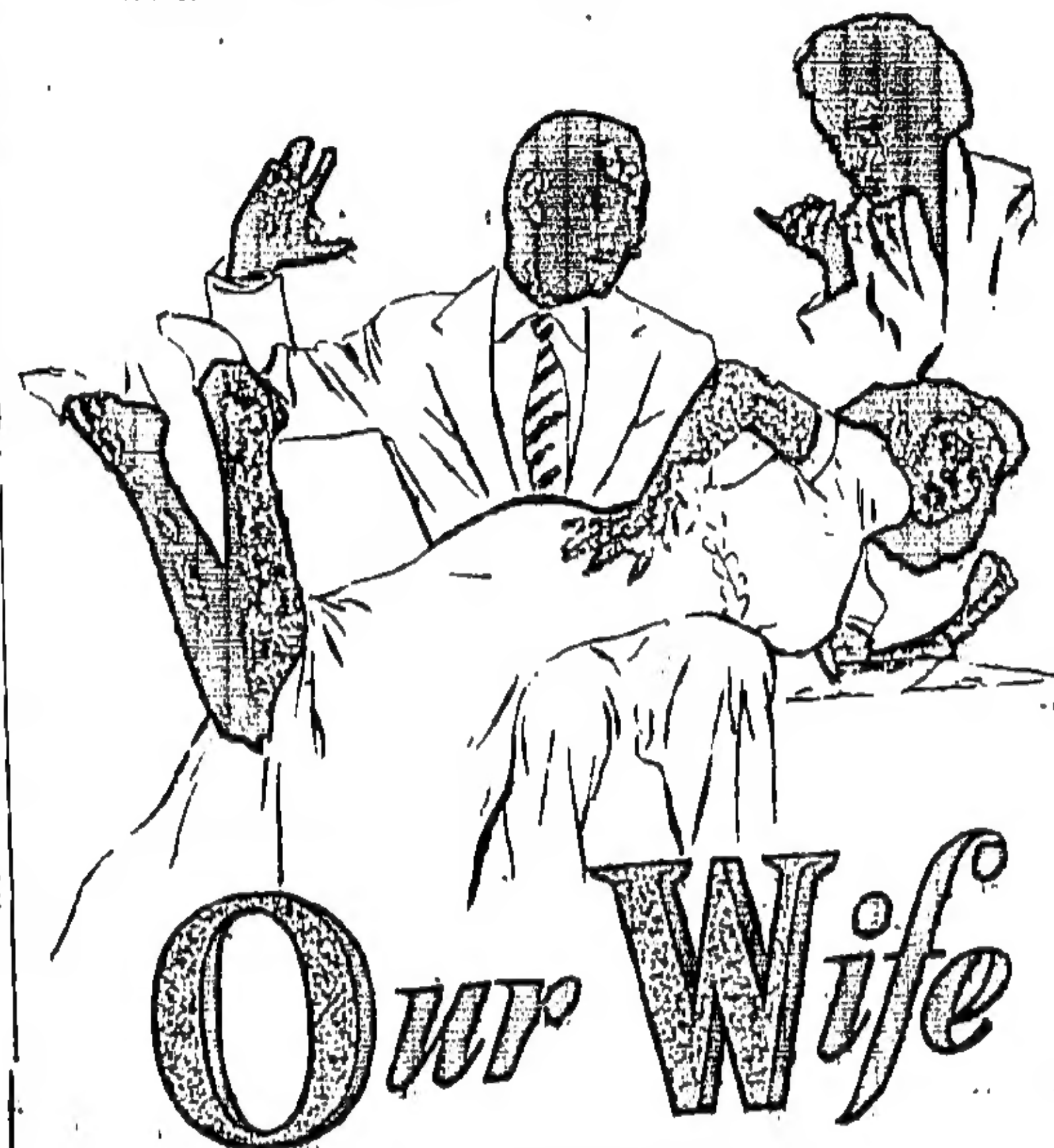
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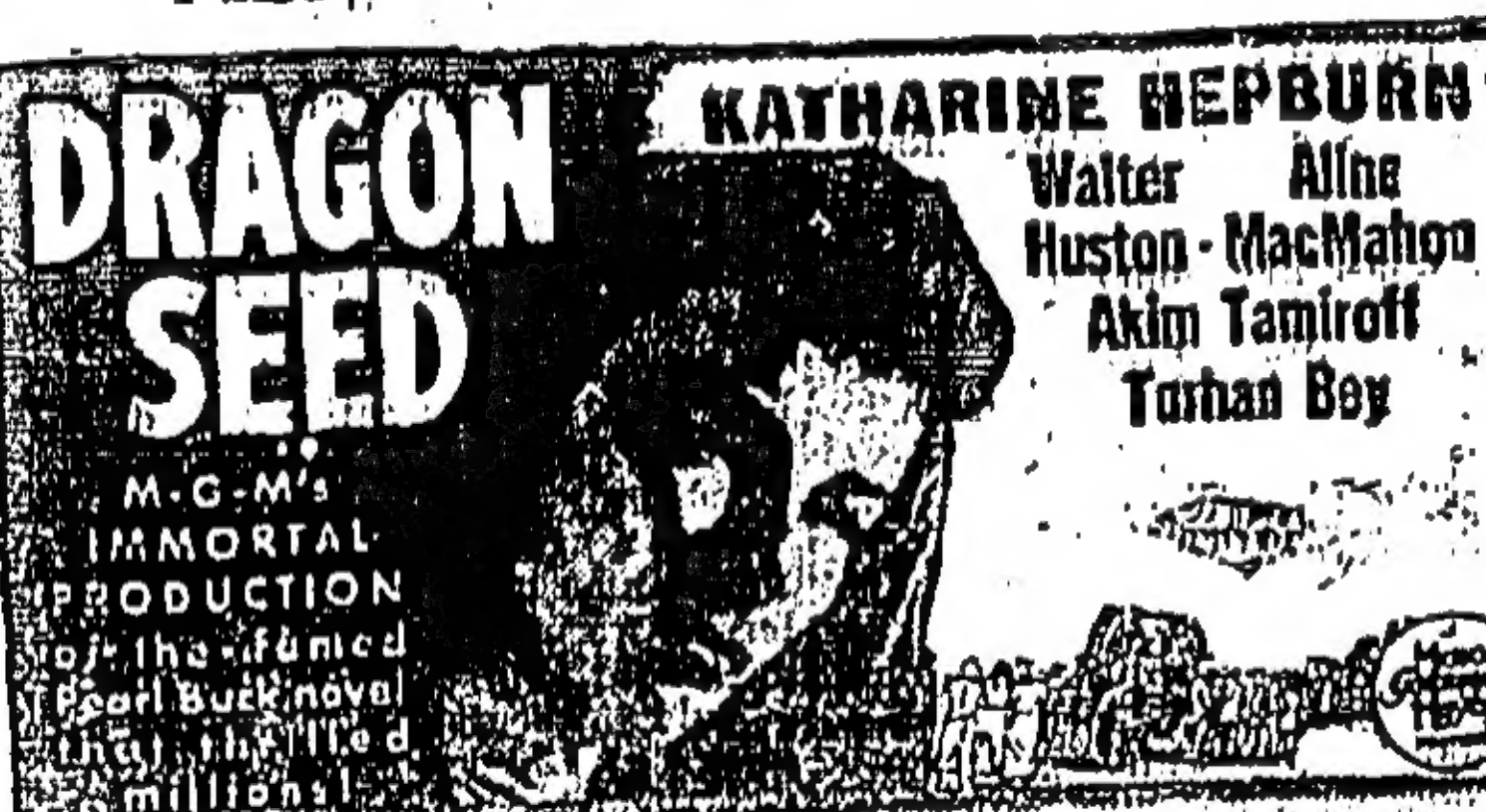
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Foul Play Suspected In Yokohama

Yokohama, Jan. 7.
The 8th Army Provost Marshal has begun investigation into the reported disappearance last week of Crescencio Bidez, 17-year-old Filipino mess-boy, who was last seen leaving an aircraft rescue vessel at Yokohama pier.

The boy left behind in his quarters several hundred dollars in yen, pesos and American money, indicating that he had planned to return to the ship. He had never before stayed away from the ship over a few hours.

Investigating officers are working on the theory that there may be foul play. Associated Press.

Steering Clear Of Trouble Spots

WASHINGTON, JAN. 7.
THE UNITED STATES ENDED AT MIDNIGHT THE LAST VESTIGE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND, LEAVING ALL FUTURE OPERATIONS IN THAT POLITICALLY TROUBLED REGION TO GREAT BRITAIN. THIS DEVELOPMENT IS DISCLOSED IN A BRIEF TWO-SENTENCE MIDNIGHT ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHIEFS OF STAFF, WHICH STATED:

Since the participation of United States forces in the India-Burma campaign has ended, and the United States does not envisage participating in future operations incident to the disarming of Japanese troops and the restoration of civil government in territories under S.E.A.C. the combined chiefs of staff consider that it is no longer necessary from the military point of view for Admiral Mountbatten to retain a fully integrated British United States headquarters. Therefore, United States

representation at S.E.A.C. will henceforth be limited to inter-Allied liaison.

The move has significance in view of the current strife in the East Indies, and especially Java where British and Dutch forces are battling Indonesian nationalists.

While the United States shared in the original decision to send troops to Java, it has since demonstrated "entirely British" activities there.

American personnel have not participated in the military operations, and some weeks ago the State Department requested that the British should remove all American labels from any lend-lease arms and vehicles used in action against the Indonesians.

STEERED CLEAR
U.S. Army civilian government personnel have steered completely clear of the area.

No United States combat forces have been in the S.E.A.C. zone since last June, when the Japanese were driven from Rangoon.

United States representation in the theatre liaison at Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters will be limited to a token group of about 20 officers, it is understood. Previously there were about 100 army, air force and naval officers working there.

The command was established after the September 1943 Quebec conference between Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt, several Chinese leaders and service chiefs. S.E.A.C. territory included Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, Thailand, Indo-China, the East Indies and the Admiralty Islands.

Associated Press.

LONGEST BAR AGAIN FUNCTIONING

Shanghai, Jan. 7.
The Shanghai Club, one of the best known social institutions here, was officially reopened on New Year's eve by Mr. A. G. N. Gordon, British Consul General, before a large gathering of members.

Internationally famous for possessing what is reputed to be the longest bar in the world, this British club, with a large international membership, was closed down by the Japanese authorities shortly after Pearl Harbor, and throughout the occupation was used as headquarters by the Japanese Navy.

After the Japanese surrender the British Navy took over the premises for a time. Reuter.

SHOCK-ABSORBER

Washington, Jan. 7.
In a report reviewing the year, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace declared that the outstanding economic feature of 1945 was "the resiliency with which American economy absorbed the shock of the sudden end of the war" and the speed with which it met about reconversion to peace-time production. Associated Press.

First Death Sentence In Japan Trials

YOKOHAMA, JAN. 7.
FIRST LIEUTENANT KEI YURI OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY WAS TODAY CONDEMNED TO HANG BY THE UNITED STATES MILITARY COMMISSION FOR ORDERING THE KILLING OF AN AMERICAN SOLDIER BY BAYONET.

Yuri, former commandant of the Omura Prison Camp, was convicted by the Commission of the death of Private Noni C. Heard, of Salinas, California. This is the second conviction in "atrocity" war crimes trials held in Japan and the first death sentence.

Standing stiffly erect before the American officers of the court Yuri showed no trace of emotion and his eyes never moved as sentence was read in English and then repeated in Japanese.

Yuri held out his hands while handcuffs were placed and then led away.

The Commission found him guilty of ordering the execution of Heard and of permitting the tortury and killing by starvation of

Corporal James G. Pavlovich, of Chicago, Illinois. He was found innocent on two other specifications alleging that he had failed to provide international markings on the prison hospital, withholding Red Cross supplies and of beating another American private.

In the first war crimes trial in Japan, Takuo Tsuchiya, prison camp guard, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Yuri's defense attorney James Harold Emmons said that death sentence was imposed by the Commission in the second case because there were eye-witnesses to the execution.

Sadokichi Oi, interpreter at the Omura camp, had testified that he had witnessed the execution of Heard and saw Yuri give the order to his soldiers to bayonet the former. Associated Press.

Unknown M.P. Cleared

LONDON, JAN. 7.
A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WHOSE IDENTITY WAS KEPT SECRET, HAD HIS NAME MENTIONED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Members of Parliament adopted a motion put by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, with "the object of doing justice to a Member who had appeared before the Committee of Privileges in June, 1942."

The Member concerned had been absolved of the charge against him, and Mr. Morrison said he only wished to ask the House to agree to the publication of the report without the minutes of evidence. His name may never be known to the public.

Mr. Morrison said he felt it was only right for the sake of the public and of history that when the emergency had been passed, the security had been lifted.

(The House of Commons had just previously agreed that all 65 secret sessions of Parliament, held during that war, were no longer secret, but the House of Lords insisted that their secret sessions remain secret.)

Mr. Morrison added that the decision the House had just reached would cause the name of the Member to appear in the journals of the House with a certain imputation of improper conduct on his part. Unless the report of the Committee of Privileges, which incidentally cleared him by its recommendations, was now released from ban, the Member was without proper clearance. Reuter.

Heir Plans To Become A Hawker

Gordon Roll, playboy, big money gambler and fairy godfather to any ne'er-do-well who spun him a hard-luck story, told me that he is broke and is planning to become a door-to-door hawker to earn enough money to keep himself, (writes Bert Jones in the Daily Express).

In less than 10 years he has spent more than £200,000 (I quote his own figure) on motor-cars, gambling at race tracks, in Continental casinos and on sports. Today he has only £130.

He is living now on a £500 loan advanced him by his brother, the Rev. James Cecil Roll, fellow beneficiary under the will of their father, who made a fortune as a builder.

Today Gordon Roll is living in a bed-sitting-room in a three-guinea-a-week Leicester boarding-house.

I lunched with him in the grill room of Leicester's best hotel. He still greeted the waiters as "old boy," still ordered the most expensive drinks, and insisted on sending for cigars which he could not afford.

"I have always been used to it. It is hard to get out of it, old man," he said apologetically.

He told me that he owes £10,000 to three London bookmakers. He can no longer frequent race courses, but he still bets. "What else can I do to make money, old boy?" he asked me. "I'm no good for any job. I was never brought up to earn my own living and I won't ask my family to keep me. I still have my pride you know."

HE LEARNS SOMETHING

In a public bar a friendly stranger came over to us. "I couldn't help overhearing what you said about selling things from door to door, Gordon," he said. "I just wanted to warn you that you will need a licence for it or you will be pinched."

Gordon was incredulous, but grateful. "Thanks awfully for mentioning it, old man," he said. "A licence, eh, just for selling razor blades and things? I did not know."

He was even more surprised when I advised him to think twice about parting with £20 to two men who had invited him to invest in a hawker's business.

He said: "But they told me I shall get £3 a week, old boy." Gordon said he had got rid of £20,000 since he left the Army

Resigned From Gaol

Tokyo, Jan. 7.
From Sugama Prison the war criminal suspects Taketora Ogata and Kazuo Aoki tendered their resignations as members of the House of Peers yesterday.

Ogata was Minister without portfolio and President of the Board of Information in the Higashikuni Cabinet, while Aoki was Vice-President of the outlawed Imperial Rule Assistance Association. Associated Press.

Fascists In Switzerland Hide-Out

Berne, Jan. 7.
Speaking on the case of Dr. Wilhelm Furtwangler, the noted German orchestra conductor who is now in hospital, Swiss President Eduard von Steiner said yesterday that Furtwangler had not been unfriendly to Switzerland, nor had he helped to spread National Socialist propaganda.

Nevertheless, it had been suggested that he should leave the country as soon as doctors certify him fit to travel.

Though he failed to specify the number, von Steiner said that many German diplomats were still interned in Switzerland.

About Italian diplomats, the Swiss president informed council members that Gen. Teodoro Blacchi, Italian military attaché under the Mussolini regime, would probably leave the country soon.

Count Volpi, another Italian refugee who was in hospital, would be expelled from the country as soon as his medical condition made that step possible.

The case of Count Giuseppe Bacchini, former ambassador to London, was being held in abeyance pending further investigation by the department of Justice, von Steiner concluded. Associated Press.

COLONY'S "LYON'S" CLOSES DOWN

YESTERDAY, AFTER SIX MONTHS OF HARD WORK, THE BOAT POOL IN THE ROYAL NAVAL DOCK-YARD DISCHARGED ITS LAST NAVAL CREW. IN FUTURE, THE BOATS UNDER THE POOL WILL BE ENTIRELY CHINESE-MANNED. AS THEY HAVE BEEN, TO A GROWING EXTENT, EVER SINCE THE NAVY TOOK OVER IN SEPTEMBER LAST.

A visit to the Boat Office at Flag Staff Steps yesterday resulted in an interview with Lt. Cavill, of Manchester, who is in charge.

"This office," said Lt. Cavill, "is sheer bedlam at times. Like the cafes of Montmartre, if one waits long enough here, one will meet everybody one ever knew. This morning is rather quiet, though." The phone was ringing, people were continually coming in and going out, boats were arriving every few seconds, but it was quiet, he said. On being asked what he meant by a busy day, Lt. Cavill, considered for a minute, and then admitted that New Year's Day had been "pretty hectic."

"MAKE AND MEND"

"We had more boats than we could fit into the Pool at times," he said. "On top of the ordinary traffic, nearly every ship in the harbour was sending drafts ashore to barracks, and barracks were sending drafts to ships for passage home. We were at it for over twelve hours solid, and to add to the injury, someone found a signal at nine o'clock that night from the C-in-C, proclaiming a general 'Make and Mend' (half day holiday)."

Things happen fast in the Boat Pool, and the staff has had a fair share of excitement. One night an escaped lunatic came down to the office and demanded passage home. They kept him talking for a long time until the Patrol arrived to take him away. Another time, the dead bodies of three pirates and one of their victims were temporarily stowed in the office.

"That was quite normal," says Lt. Cavill. "This place is a cross between a left-luggage office and a tea-bar, anyway."

Yesterday, the 100-odd boats under the control of the Boat Pool, ranging from the C-in-C's Barge, through the whole range of fast motor boats, large launchers, cutters, steam pinnaces, tugs, M.F.V.'s to small craft of every shape and description, are manned by Chinese crews, both Navy and civilian.

FATILER CHAN

In charge is Chief Petty Officer Tai Sing, better known as Father Chan, who has been in the Navy since 1905. He holds the medal of the Royal Humane Society for life-saving. When new crews or additional personnel are needed, "Father Chan's Press Gang" fetch them in. Another old Navy man is Luen Sui, who first joined in 1914, and is the traffic controller. He is better known as "George." Flag Staff Steps, broadcasting through a hand-mike to boats at the other side of the pool.

Rates of pay for these Chinese crews are good. An A/B, or his equivalent gets \$83 a month all told, a Leading Seaman \$92, Petty Officer \$102 and a Chief Petty Officer \$108. There are no Chinese officers as yet.

BEYOND SHOCK

When asked about any particularly annoying incidents, Lt. Cavill said that anything was liable to happen at any time, but that it really was annoying to be asked at 3 a.m. of a cold morning which was the next boat out to a ship

Shidehara Can't Make Up His Mind

Tokyo, Jan. 7.
Amid what one newspaper called "the greatest political confusion" the future of the Shidehara Cabinet remained obscure to-day. Indecision coloured the activities at the Premier's official residence. The Japanese said much would depend upon the anticipated meeting between Foreign Minister Yoshida and Gen. MacArthur which, they said, might come to-day.

However, American officers said, no appointment has been requested.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Danzaburo Tanaka indicated that Shidehara now plans to remain in office while dropping the Ministers directives, which ordered a widespread ouster of the Japanese officials who led Japan into the war and created a crisis in the Cabinet itself.

Tanaka termed "a logical story" the "Asahi" newspaper report that Shidehara had notified yesterday's Cabinet Session: "I intend to carry on by affecting a

living at the far end of the harbour. "However," he went on, "this being such a peculiar institution, we have long since lost all feelings of surprise." One of the few remaining ABs in the office compared the place to Lyon's Corner House.

"I would like," finished Lt. Cavill, "to pay a tribute to the Chinese crews we have working with us, for they really are doing a wonderful job. It doesn't matter what time of boat you give them, or to which part of the harbour you send them. You can rely upon them getting there without any trouble."

POLISH UNDERGROUND DENIAL

Rome, Jan. 7.
General Wladislaw Anders, former Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army, yesterday denied allegations that he said had been made that he and members of the second Polish Corps were attempting to organize a Polish underground movement in opposition to the present Warsaw Government.

Anders told a press conference: "Neither I nor troops under my command recognise the Warsaw Government because it was not chosen freely by the Polish people." Associated Press.

JOB NEARLY OVER

Washington, Jan. 7.
An Army official said to-day that repatriation of Japanese prisoners from the United States is expected to be completed about Jan. 15. He stated that whether the job will be done by then depends on the ability to move prisoners without interfering with United States troop transportation.

Last September there were 5,080 Japanese prisoners in the United States. Associated Press.

PRETENDER'S TRIP

Madrid, Jan. 7.
Prince Don Juan, Pretender to the Spanish Throne, is reported to be planning a trip to-day to Lisbon by plane from Switzerland.

It was rumored that the motive of the trip is connected with a conference he is seeking with General Franco regarding the restoration of the Monarchy in Spain. Associated Press.

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1.10 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli & His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—A Program of Spanish Music.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Artie Shaw & His Orchestra and Bing Crosby.
3.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
3.15 p.m.—"Services Music Box"—ENSA.
3.30 p.m.—R.A.F. Concert Orchestra—ENSA.
4.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Lt. A.B. James, R.N.—"The First of The Series"—The Sea in Nalton's Time.
4.15 p.m.—Manned Bands of H.M. Royal Marines.
4.30 p.m.—Irish Folk Choir.
5.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
5.30 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
5.50 p.m.—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—Orchestral Concert with Charles Kullman (Violin) and Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano).
10.30 p.m.—Prokofiev—Concerto No. 3 in G Major, Op. 26.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.
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SHIPMENT OF FLOUR ARRIVES

The s.s. "City of Eastbourne," which arrived in Hong Kong last Saturday, is unloading a cargo of 1,800 tons of flour from Shanghai and some motor-trucks for U.N.-R.R.A. at Holt's Wharf.

She is scheduled to sail on Jan. 11 with about 4,000 tons of general merchandise for Singapore, consisting mostly of Chinese food-stuffs of which there is a shortage in Malaya.

Chinese shippers have been busily preparing goods for shipment during the past ten days.

RETURNING HOME

Yokohama, Jan. 7.
Colonel L. B. Shaw, of the American 8th Army staff, to-day announced that all 50-point and 3 1/2 year men in the 8th Army zone, including the former 6th Army area in Japan will leave for Home by Jan. 31 unless shipping now assigned to Japan is diverted elsewhere.

An order has been issued to start 50-point men on the way to four replacement depots. Associated Press.